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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Sir, the Government will examine it and will not break principles."

Number of surveyors in the State.

* 601 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of surveyors working in each district in the State and the nature of work attended to by them; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to abolish the posts of surveyors?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) A statement[a] showing the number of surveyors working in each district in the State is placed on the table of the House. The district, taluk, town and panchayat surveyors attend to the maintenance of Revenue records and registration in the districts. The special surveyors attend to various items of miscellaneous survey work, such as land acquisition for projects, land colonization schemes, roads, etc., street surveys for municipalities and panchayat boards, and the bulk of them attend to the survey of the estates taken over under the Abolition Act.

" (*b*) No."

Lease of timber in the forests of Nilambur and Wynaad Divisions.

* 602 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the case of fixing the lease by auction of timber forests in Nilambur and Wynaad divisions, any upset price is fixed for auction; and

(*b*) the designation of the officer who confirms the lease?

THE HON. DR. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) All sales not exceeding the value of Rs. 10,000 per unit are confirmed by the District Forest Officer and those in excess over this limit by the Conservator."

Disposal of representations made by Legislators.

* 603 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure adopted now by the Government in attending to representations made by Legislators and Public Bodies; and

(*b*) whether Public Bodies and Legislators may expect an acknowledgment in respect of their reports and representations in the first instance and an intimation as to the results thereof later on?

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 519 infra.

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) Communications received from the Members of Legislature and public bodies are generally acknowledged and usually copies of final orders are also sent to them. As regards the procedure to be followed in regard to representations received from Members of Legislature, a copy [a] of G.O. No. 785, Public (Elections), dated 18th August 1926, containing the instructions issued in the matter is placed on the table of the House. Instructions have also been issued as long ago as in 1938 that in the interest of good administration, an easv relationship should be established between district officers and representatives of the people in the Legislature, representations made by Members of the Lgislature on general matters as distinguished from advocacy on behalf of particular individuals will be received by the district officers concerned and duly examined and disposed of or reported to Government." I may also add, Sir, that in all the history of representations in this State, during the last one year more representations have been received from Members of the Legislature than in any previous period of the history of our State."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question hour is now over and the rest of the questions and answers will be printed in the proceedings "

Release of prisoners from jails.

* 604 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some prisoners were released in recent months before their term to relieve congestion in jails;

(b) if so, how many; and

(c) of those released, how many were politicals and how many non-politicals?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The total number of prisoners released from Jails in the State during the months of January, February and March 1953 is 3,088.

" (c) Of the 3,088 prisoners released, the number of prisoners belonging to the Communist Party is 16 and others 3,072."

Construction of the road to the top of Horsley Hills, Madanapalle taluk.

• 605 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) how much is so far spent on laying the famine road to the top of Horsley Hills (Madanapalle taluk); and

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 550–551 infra.